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From: Kemmerer, John

**Sent:** Wed 1/22/2014 12:53:30 AM

Subject: RE: Next SWRCB-EPA Meeting on 1/31 in Sacramento

Thanks I'll try you tomorrow afternoon.

Re: the drought, yes it would be good confirm whether or not WQS could be revised. We saw something from the Bureau of Rec mentioning this possibility, and it alarmed our Bay-Delta folks.

That's interesting to hear about the possible recycled water use authorization. I wasn't aware that there was a restriction currently in place that would prevent such irrigation use.

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Subject: RE: Next SWRCB-EPA Meeting on 1/31 in Sacramento

The best time is between 2 and 4.

In re the Governor's drought proclamation, probably the most pertinent thing for you folks has to do with Bay-Delta. I keep hearing talk about "rebalancing" the standards, though today at the Board meeting, the proposed actions were described by Felicia as changing the water right requirements (aka implementation of the standards), not changing the standards themselves. Changing the standards themselves would re-raise the whole issue of whether the standard is a flow objective with a salinity (X2) relaxation or a salinity standard with a flow relaxation, since meeting either the flow objective or the salinity standards (measured two ways) results in compliance with the requirement ("three ways to win"). For DWQ, the biggest impact is that we may be working on a statewide permit (probably not an NPDES permit) to allow use of recycled water on ag crops. We are still discussing it.

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From: Kemmerer, John [mailto:KEMMERER.JOHN@EPA.GOV]

Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2014 3:48 PM

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Subject: FW: Next SWRCB-EPA Meeting on 1/31 in Sacramento

Hi Vicky – I just heard that our drinking water office has been in touch with Liz Haven, and understand that it's been decided not to include the drinking water transition on the agenda for our meeting next Friday. Apparently Liz and our DW folks are setting up a separate time to discuss this transition in more detail, perhaps with DPH.

With that off the agenda, we have an additional suggested agenda topic. It would be helpful for us to hear from you about the ramifications of the Governor's Drought Emergency declaration.

I'll try to catch you tomorrow on your cell phone to discuss the NPS Mgt Plan. If there's a good time for me to call, please let me know.

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Subject: Next SWRCB-EPA Meeting on 1/31 in Sacramento

Hi Vicky – Here's a list of topics to cover at our 1/31 meeting at your office. It's going to be a full agenda, but if you any suggestions for additional items to cover, please let me know.

Per my voicemail message last Friday, I'd be interested in speaking to you about how to frame the discussion of the NPS Management Plan.

The Nutrients Reduction Strategy discussion is one that our HQ has asked each regional Water Director to have with each of our states. I can provide background in advance of the meeting.

I'd like to get the final agenda out by next Friday the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Will you please set up a telephone conference line?

Topics for SWRCB-EPA Coordination Meeting
January 31, 2014
10 am – Noon
SWRCB's Office in Sacramento
Bay Delta Update
ULO Update
Grants Update
NPDES Permitting
- Permit Renewal Strategy
- PQR
Nutrients Reduction Strategy
EPA-NRCS Partnership on Water Quality Trading
Non Point Source Management Plan

## **Drinking Water Program Transition**

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